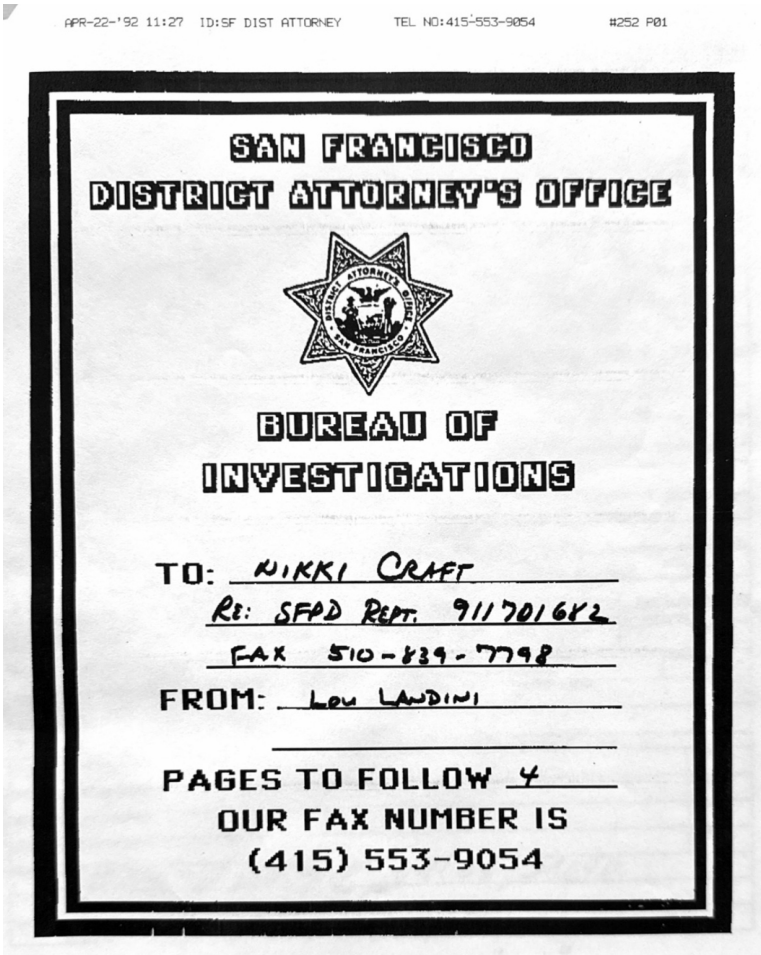

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BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATIONS

TO: NIKKI CRAFT
RE: SFPD REPT. 911701682
FAX 510-839-7798
FROM: LOU LANDINI

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OUR FAX NUMBER IS
(415) 553-9054

ACLU-04a - San Francisco District Attorney's Office fax cover, April 22, 1992.

SFPD Incident Report No. 911701682

Battery and Vandalism at the ACLU Bill of Rights Day Event, December 15, 1991

ACLU-04 - Official Incident Record

This family preserves the official police narrative of the confrontation, not merely a later activist account: a District Attorney fax cover and four pages of the San Francisco Police Department report.

What the Report Documents

The San Francisco Police Department incident report records an event at approximately 5:00 p.m. on December 15, 1991 at the Westin St. Francis Hotel, 335 Powell Street, San Francisco. The report identifies the incident as battery and vandalism and names Nikki Craft as the reporting victim.

The narrative states that Craft entered the lobby with other women to hand out flyers protesting positions advocated by the ACLU. It records that ACLU member Marcia Gallo escorted members of Craft's group from the lobby and later grabbed Craft while telling her she would have to leave. Craft stated that she had a ticket and later attempted to enter the auditorium after presenting it.

According to the report, Matthew Coles grabbed Craft forcibly from behind. Coles also grabbed the wood-framed protest poster she was holding and broke the frame. The narrative states that Craft received cuts to her right index finger and left thumb during the struggle. The officer observed the cuts and offered medical attention; Craft declined at that time.

The report records citations issued to Gallo and Coles and notes the processing of the citations, fingerprints, and court-appearance information. The packet begins with a San Francisco District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigations fax cover dated April 22, 1992, indicating that the four report pages were transmitted to Craft in connection with the case.

Why the Official Record Matters

Political confrontations are often reduced to competing memories. This report is important because it fixes names, time, place, injuries, property damage, and the officer's narrative in an official record created close to the event. It does not settle every later dispute, but it establishes that a report was taken, that the incident was classified as battery and vandalism, that injuries were observed, and that citations were issued.

The report also explains why the Bill of Rights Day leaflet cannot be treated as an isolated piece of paper. The women were attempting to distribute a political response at a civil-liberties event. The conflict over speech moved from legal threat to physical confrontation, and the archive preserves both stages: the leaflet in ACLU-03 and the police record here.

Later Case History and Limits of This Packet

The city later dismissed the charges quietly. Nikki Craft was denied the opportunity to present the attack and destruction of her property in court. She received no compensation for the broken frame or her injuries. Her only requested resolution was a letter of apology on ACLU stationery, and she did not receive it. Years later, the ACLU deleted Facebook-forum discussions of the attack.

The wood-framed object described in the report is the large "We'd Rather Be Destroying Pornography" collage reproduced in ACLU-01 and at the opening of ACLU-00. It was mounted in a wooden frame behind glass and was large enough that Craft could carry it but could do little else while holding it. No photographs were taken inside the dark event space; the surviving photograph of the framed artwork and the police report together preserve the visual and official record.

Reading the Handwritten Pages

The images are faxed or photocopied records and the handwriting is difficult in places. The publication preserves the full pages rather than attempting a silent transcription. The contextual summary above is limited to information legible in the supplied scans. Researchers citing exact wording should consult the images directly and note any uncertain readings.

Content Note

Describes grabbing, battery, broken property, cuts to Craft's fingers, and police citations. Includes personal identifiers and historical addresses contained in a public incident record.

Source and Provenance Note

Five images supplied in 2026: one April 22, 1992 San Francisco District Attorney's Office fax cover and four pages of SFPD Incident Report No. 911701682. An older Internet Archive webpage capture is retained in the reference-only folder because it preserves prior metadata and the original Internet Archive identifier img-3235_202606.

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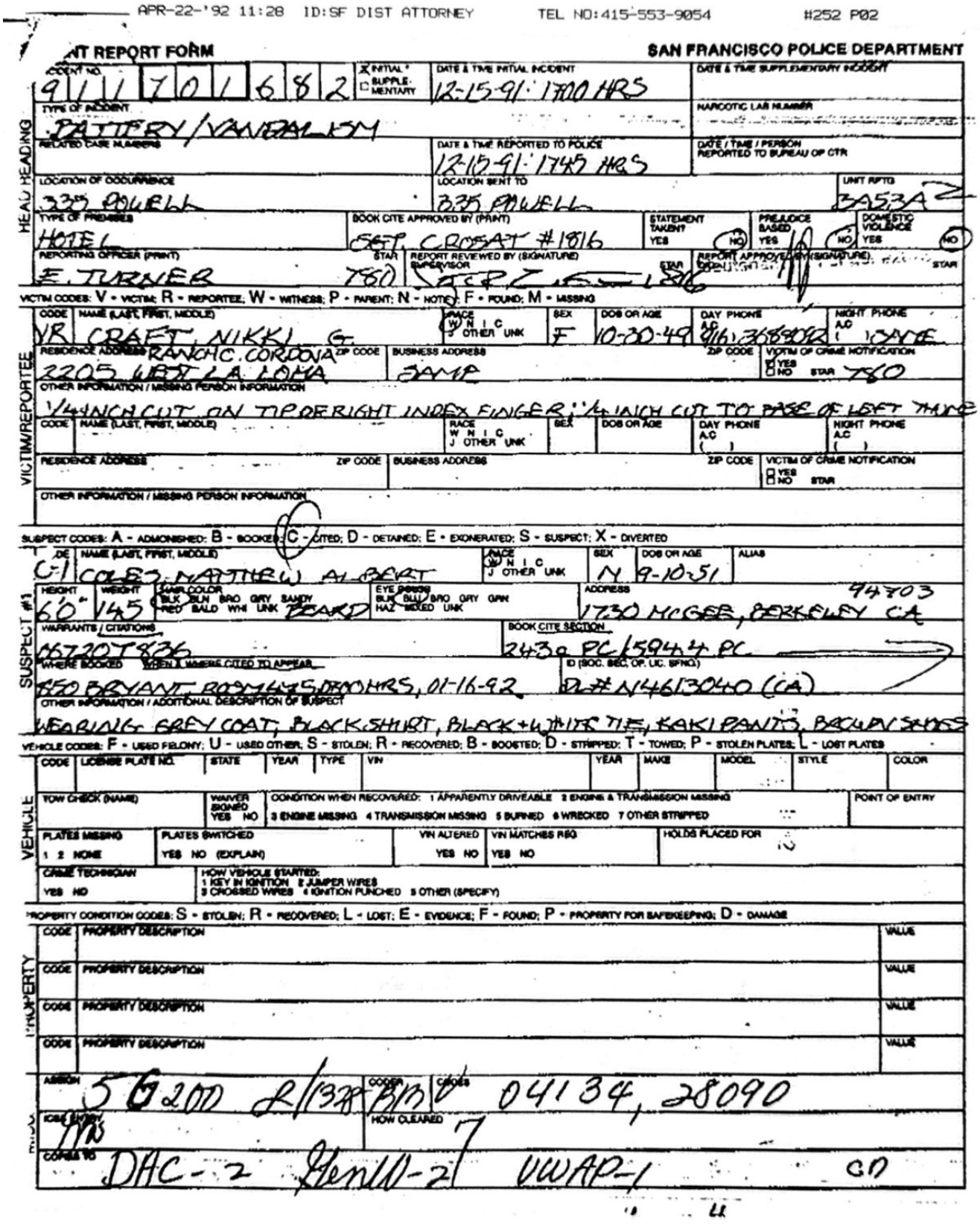
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...NT REPORT FORM — SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

HEADING: 911701682 | INITIAL | DATE & TIME INITIAL INCIDENT: 12-15-91 1700 HRS | TYPE OF INCIDENT: BATTERY/VANDALISM | DATE & TIME REPORTED TO POLICE: 12-15-91 1745 HRS | LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: 335 POWELL | LOCATION BENT TO: 335 POWELL | UNIT RPTG: 3A53A | TYPE OF PREMISES: HOTEL | BOOK CITE APPROVED BY (PRINT): SGT CROSAT #1816 | REPORTING OFFICER (PRINT): E. TURNER | STAR: 760

VICTIM/REPORTEE — VICTIM CODES: V - VICTIM; R - REPORTEE; W - WITNESS; P - PARENT; N - NOTIFY; F - FOUND; M - MISSING

CODE: VR | NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE): CRAFT, NIKKI G. | RACE: W N I C J OTHER UNK | SEX: F | DOB OR AGE: 10-30-49 | DAY PHONE A/C: 916) 368-8082 | NIGHT PHONE A/C: ( ) SAME

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: RANCHO CORDOVA 2205 WEST LA LOMA | ZIP CODE | BUSINESS ADDRESS: SAME | ZIP CODE | VICTIM OF CRIME NOTIFICATION: YES NO STAR 760

OTHER INFORMATION / MISSING PERSON INFORMATION: 1/4 INCH CUT ON TIP OF RIGHT INDEX FINGER; 1/4 INCH CUT TO BASE OF LEFT THUMB

CODE | NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) | RACE W N I C J OTHER UNK | SEX | DOB OR AGE | DAY PHONE A/C | NIGHT PHONE A/C

RESIDENCE ADDRESS | ZIP CODE | BUSINESS ADDRESS | ZIP CODE | VICTIM OF CRIME NOTIFICATION YES NO STAR

OTHER INFORMATION / MISSING PERSON INFORMATION

SUSPECT #1 — SUSPECT CODES: A - ADMONISHED; B - BOOKED; C - CITED; D - DETAINED; E - EXONERATED; S - SUSPECT; X - DIVERTED

CODE: C-1 | NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE): COLES, MATTHEW ALBERT | RACE: W N I C J OTHER UNK | SEX: M | DOB OR AGE: 9-10-51 | ALIAS

HEIGHT: 6'0" | WEIGHT: 145 | HAIR COLOR: BLK BLN BRO GRY SANDY RED BALD WHI UNK BEARD | EYE COLOR: BLK BLU BRO GRY GRN HAZ MIXED UNK | ADDRESS: 1730 MCGEE, BERKELEY CA 94703

WARRANTS / CITATIONS: 667207836 | BOOK CITE SECTION: 243a PC/594.4 PC

WHERE BOOKED: 850 BRYANT ROOM 445 2000 HRS, 01-16-92 | ID (SOC. SEC. OP. LIC. SFNO.): DL# N4613040 (CA)

OTHER INFORMATION / ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECT: WEARING GREY COAT, BLACK SHIRT, BLACK + WHITE TIE, KAKI PANTS, BACKPACK SHOES

VEHICLE — VEHICLE CODES: F - USED FELONY; U - USED OTHER; S - STOLEN; R - RECOVERED; B - BOOSTED; D - STRIPPED; T - TOWED; P - STOLEN PLATES; L - LOST PLATES

CODE | LICENSE PLATE NO. | STATE | YEAR | TYPE | VIN | YEAR | MAKE | MODEL | STYLE | COLOR

TOW CHECK (NAME) | WAIVER SIGNED YES NO | CONDITION WHEN RECOVERED: 1 APPARENTLY DRIVEABLE 2 ENGINE & TRANSMISSION MISSING 3 ENGINE MISSING 4 TRANSMISSION MISSING 5 BURNED 6 WRECKED 7 OTHER STRIPPED | POINT OF ENTRY

PLATES MISSING: 1 2 NONE | PLATES SWITCHED: YES NO (EXPLAIN) | VIN ALTERED: YES NO | VIN MATCHES REG: YES NO | HOLDS PLACED FOR

CRIME TECHNICIAN: YES NO | HOW VEHICLE STARTED: 1 KEY IN IGNITION 2 JUMPER WIRES 3 CROSSED WIRES 4 IGNITION PUNCHED 5 OTHER (SPECIFY)

PROPERTY — PROPERTY CONDITION CODES: S - STOLEN; R - RECOVERED; L - LOST; E - EVIDENCE; F - FOUND; P - PROPERTY FOR SAFEKEEPING; D - DAMAGE

CODE | PROPERTY DESCRIPTION | VALUE

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ASSIGN: 5 G 200 L/13 BM | CODES: 04134, 28090 | IDENT. METHOD: PH | HOW CLEARED: 7

CODES TO: DHC-2 Hemill-2 VWAP-1 CD

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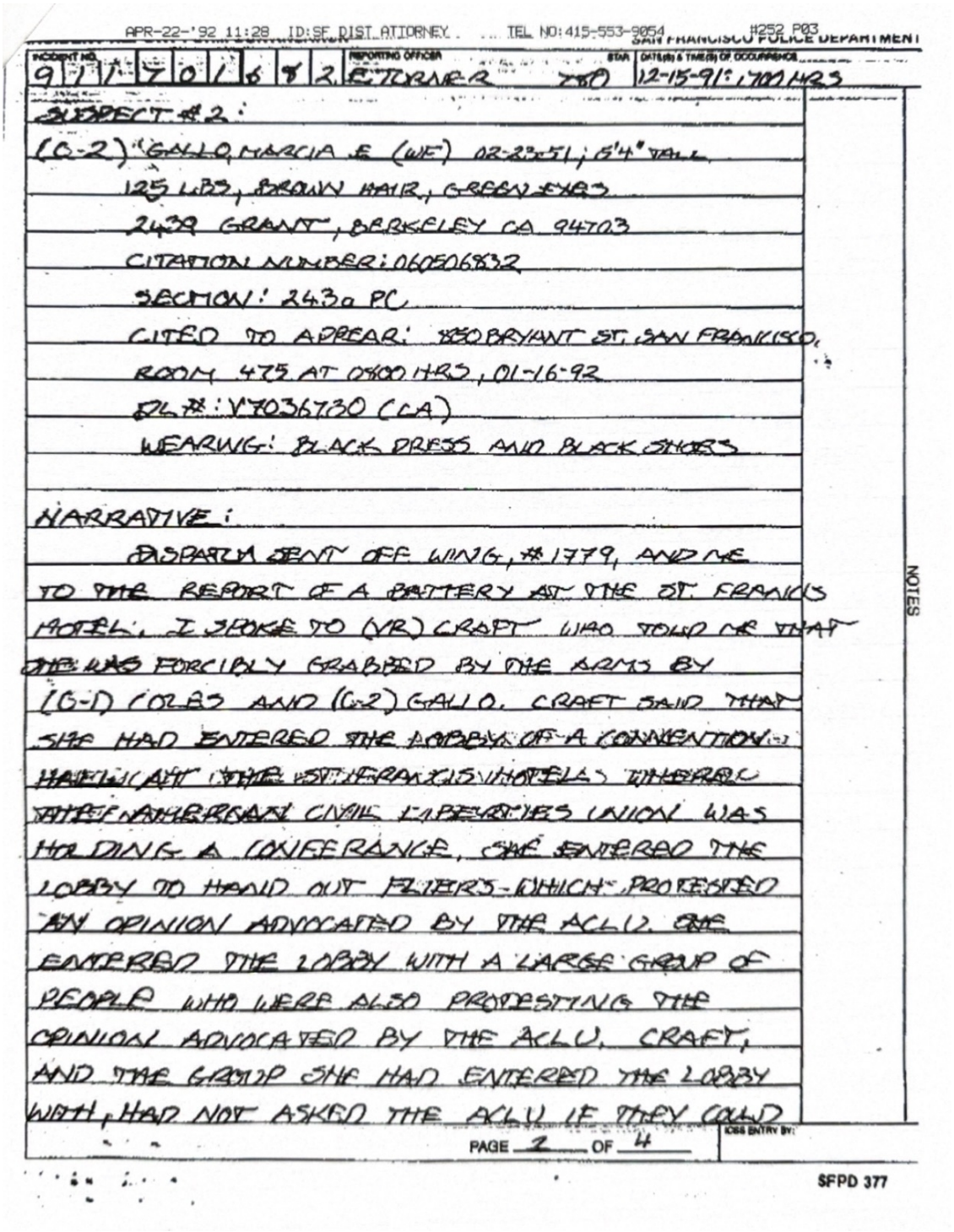

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ACCIDENT NO. 9 1 1 7 0 1 6 8 2 | REPORTING OFFICER E. TURNER | BADGE 780 | DATE(S) & TIME(S) OF OCCURRENCE 12-15-91; 1700 HRS

SUSPECT #2:

(C-2) GALLO, MARCIA E (WF) 02-23-51; 5'4" TALL
125 LBS, BROWN HAIR, GREEN EYES
2439 GRANT, BERKELEY CA 94703
CITATION NUMBER: 060506832
SECTION: 243a PC
CITED TO APPEAR: 850 BRYANT ST, SAN FRANCISCO, ROOM 475 AT 0400 HRS, 01-16-92
DL #: V7036730 (CA)
WEARING: BLACK DRESS AND BLACK SHOES

NARRATIVE:

DISPATCH SENT OFF WING, #1779, AND ME TO THE REPORT OF A BATTERY AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. I SPOKE TO (VR) CRAFT WHO TOLD ME THAT SHE WAS FORCIBLY GRABBED BY THE ARMS BY (C-1) COLES AND (C-2) GALLO. CRAFT SAID THAT SHE HAD ENTERED THE LOBBY OF A CONVENTION HALL AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL WHERE THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION WAS HOLDING A CONFERANCE. SHE ENTERED THE LOBBY TO HAND OUT FLIERS WHICH PROTESTED ANY OPINION ADVOCATED BY THE ACLU. SHE ENTERED THE LOBBY WITH A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WERE ALSO PROTESTING THE OPINION ADVOCATED BY THE ACLU. CRAFT, AND THE GROUP SHE HAD ENTERED THE LOBBY WITH, HAD NOT ASKED THE ACLU IF THEY COULD

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SFPD 377

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DEMONSTRATE OR HAND OUT PROTEST FLIERS.

MOST OF THE MEMBERS OF CRAFT'S GROUP DID NOT HAVE TICKETS TO THE ACLU CONFERANCE. MEMBERS OF THE ACLU ASKED THE MEMBERS OF CRAFT'S GROUP TO LEAVE. CRAFT, HOWEVER HAD TICKETS TO THE CONFERANCE. MEMBERS OF THE ACLU, INCLUDING (6-2) GALLO, ESCORTED THE MEMBERS OF CRAFT'S GROUP, WHO DID NOT HAVE TICKETS, OUT OF THE LOBBY. WHILE DOING SO CRAFT SAID THAT GALLO GRABBED HER AND SAID, "YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO LEAVE." GALLO TOLD ME THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW THAT CRAFT HAD A TICKET. CRAFT SAID, "I WON'T LEAVE; I HAVE A TICKET." CRAFT DID NOT HAVE HER TICKET IN HER POSSESION AT THE TIME. GALLO ASKED CRAFT TO GO GET HER TICKET. CRAFT GOT HER TICKET FROM HER PURSE, BUT DID NOT SHOW IT TO GALLO WHEN SHE RETURNED.

LATER, CRAFT ATTEMPTED TO ENTER THE AUDITORIUM. SHE HANDED HER TICKET TO THE DOOR PERSON AND WALKED IN HOLDING A WOOD-FRAMED PROTEST POSTER, BEHIND GLASS. AT THIS POINT (6-1) COLES GRABBED CRAFT FORCIBLY FROM BEHIND. IN THE PROCESS, COLES ALSO GRABBED CRAFT'S POSTER AND BROKE THE FRAME. COLES TOLD ME THAT HE DID NOT KNOW CRAFT HAD A TICKET. COLES SAID, "YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE." CRAFT PULLED AWAY FROM COLES' HAND AND AGAIN GRABBED CRAFT AGAIN. AT THIS POINT CRAFT SAID, "NO, I HAVE A TICKET;

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SFPD 265(1/77)

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I'M GOING IN HERE." GALLO AND COLES RELEASED CRAFT AT THIS POINT AND COLES ENTERED THE AUDITORIUM. CRAFT TOLD ME THAT IN HER STRUGGLE WITH COLES AND GALLO, SHE CUT HER RIGHT INDEX FINGER AND LEFT THUMB. SHE SHOWED ME HER CUTS, THE CUT ON HER RIGHT INDEX FINGER-TIP WAS APPROXIMATELY 1/4 INCH LONG AND NOT BLEEDING, THE CUT AT THE BASE OF HER RIGHT THUMB WAS ALSO APPROXIMATELY 1/4 INCH LONG, BUT BLEEDING VERY SLIGHTLY. OFF. WING AND I ASKED CRAFT IF SHE WANTED AN AMBULANCE OR MEDICAL ATTENTION. CRAFT REFUSED ALL MEDICAL ATTENTION AT THIS TIME.

OFF. WING CITED GALLO AND CRAFT FOR THE ABOVE CHARGES. CRAFT SIGNED THE CITIZEN'S ARREST FORM ON THE BACK OF EACH CITATION. I ALSO GAVE CRAFT OPD FORM #105, AND FORM #269.

IN THE PROCESS OF ADVISING BOTH GALLO AND COLES OF THEIR CITATIONS, WE SHOWED EACH PARTY THEIR CITATIONS, RECEIVED THEIR THUMB-PRINTS, TOLD THEM OF THEIR COURT APPEARANCE DATES, AND ASKED THEM TO SIGN THEIR CITATIONS. OFF. WING MADE AN OVERSIGHT, HOWEVER, AND NEGLECTED TO CHECK COLES' CITATION. LATER AT CO "A" WE DISCOVERED THAT COLES HAD FORGOTTEN TO SIGN HIS CITATION. WE ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT COLES, LATER, TO NO AVAIL.

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